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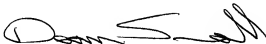
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PROVIDING MULTI-LAYER :  
PROTECTION SWITCHING WITHIN A :  
SUB-NETWORKING CONNECTION :

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**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Enclosed are eight (8) sheets of formal drawings for the above-referenced patent application. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,



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